January 14, 2003

The Honorable L. M. Richards-Dindial, LL.M.  
Governor of the Island Territory of Curacao  
Concordiastraat #24  
Willemsstad  
Curacao  
Netherlands Antilles

Re: St. Martinus University

Dear Governor Richards-Dindial:

Thank you for your letter of September 9, 2002, confirming that the government of Curacao has issued a charter to St. Martinus University to establish a faculty of medicine in Curacao. You also confirmed: "The charter grants the St. Martinus University the right to confer the Doctor of Medicine degree upon its graduates, who will then be eligible for medical licensure."

St. Martinus University Faculty of Medicine is now listed in the International Medical Education Directory (IMED). As you may know, the IMED provides an accurate and up-to-date resource of information about international medical schools that are recognized by the government agencies in the countries where the medical schools are located.

IMED is maintained by the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER®), a non-profit foundation of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG).

Also, it is published in the ECFMG Information Booklet that to be eligible for registration by ECFMG for the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE®) Step 1 and Step 2 and the Clinical Skills Assessment (CSA®), an applicant's medical school and year of graduation must be listed in the International Medical Education Directory (IMED). Therefore, students and graduates of St. Martinus University School of Medicine as of January 2003 are eligible to apply to ECFMG for the USMLE and the CSA under the usual terms and conditions.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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cc: St. Martinus University